

VISA R

Ministers and religious workers

Religious workers consider themselves those people who come to the United States specifically to work for an organization or religious and no lucrative denomination (tax-free), like religion ministers or to make any other religious activity in the professional or vocational scope by request of the religious organization or affiliated denominations.

The applicant must demonstrate to be active member in his country of origin or to last country of residence of the same religious organization who asks for it in the United States. Minimum two years before the date in which it will ask for his visa.

If the applicant of in a visa "R" physically is outside the United States, this one can directly ask for it in the Consulate of the United States that corresponds to him or to ask for the enter the United States in the Port of Entrance under this status, if he is free of this visa. For it asks for a visa "R" is not necessary to count on a I-129 request approved by Immigration or certification of work.

On the contrary, if the applicant is within the United States, the religious organization can use [Form I-129](#) and ask for "change of status"; "extension of permanence" or "change of use".

Religious activities like: informal or vocational religious study, religious attendance to services of adoration, oration, meditation or conferences do not consider "religious work" reason why they will not be able to describe for Visa "R" unless the person is Religious(a) of complete time. Nevertheless, they can describe for the [B-1](#) visa or sights [B-2](#).

Subsidiaries:

Spouse and smaller children of 21 years of the main applicant must right to accompany it with R-2 visa like employees. This visa does not allow them to work but they will be able to attend the school is public or private.

Duration of permanence:

Those people with visa "R" and a request approved by Immigration (I-797) can enter the United States up to 10 days before she initiates the period of validity of the request and will only be able to work during the authorized period in the visa.